

[Translation]

Sericulture Project

2757. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented by the Central Silk Board during Eighth Plan period alongwith financial allocations made, State-wise;

(b) the details of the projects completed out of it in Maharashtra and North Eastern Region during the above period;

(c) the action plan drawn up for development of sericulture during the Ninth Plan including current financial year and the allocation made, State-wise;

(d) whether any proposal for establishment of an empowered regional office of Central Silk Board for North Eastern Region at Guwahati was considered by the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total number of district level committees constituted so far in these States for development of sericulture?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) had implemented a number of schemes/projects/programmes for promoting development of all the four types of silk. These include schemes for extension of R&D, training, infrastructural and extension support to the sector through network of CSB's units and implementation of certain developmental/incentive/financial assistance schemes for encouraging adoption of modern sericultural practices for production of quality silk.

The State-wise allocation is not possible to finalise as no separate allocation is made but the expenditure is incurred on the basis of proposals received from the concerned States. However the State-wise expenditure break up received from the CSB is enclosed as Statement.

(b) The details of the projects completed during the VIIIth Plan period in Maharashtra and North-Eastern Region are as under:

MAHARASHTRA

In Maharashtra the following projects has been completed:

1. Inter State Tasar Project (ISTP)

Extension of Inter State Tasar Project amounting

to Rs. 0.43 crores ended in March, 1993. Under this project against the target of raising 1000 hectares of tasar plantation, 1100 hectares of tasar plantation was raised, besides creating the following infrastructure in Maharashtra under the project:

i. Grainage Complex	—	4 nos.
ii. Tiny Reeling Units	—	5 nos.
iii. Reeling Sheds	—	2 nos.
iv. Pilot Project Centres	—	2 nos.
v. Cocoon Markets	—	2 nos.
vi. Cold storage	—	1 no.

2. National Sericulture Project (NSP)

The National Sericulture Project was implemented in two districts of Maharashtra viz. Buldana and Akola with financial assistance from World Bank and Swiss Development Cooperation. The project initiated in 1989-90 and continued in VIIIth Plan concluded on 31st December, 1996. Under the project, the infrastructure like 1 Basic Seed Farm, 1 Grainage, 8 Technical Service Centres, 2 Chawki Rearing Centres, 1 Cocoon Market, 4 Cocoon Drying Chambers were established besides strengthening one Demonstration-Cum-Training Centre for silk reeling/spinning. An expenditure of Rs. 4.06 crores was incurred under the project.

NORTH-EASTERN REGION

1. National Sericulture Project (NSP)

The National Sericulture Project was implemented in two districts of Assam viz. Jorhat and Sibsagar. Under the project, 9 Technical Service Centres, 1 P2 Basic Seed Farm-Cum-Silkworm Seed Production Centre, 4 Ushnakotis and 1 Cocoon Market were established besides strengthening Regional Sericulture Research Station at Jorhat in Assam and Demonstration-Cum-Training Centre for reeling/spinning at Suakuchi. An expenditure of Rs. 4.60 crores was spent under the project.

2. Action Plan for North-Eastern States

The CSB has taken up an Action Plan for the development of sericulture in the North-Eastern States. The Action Plan envisages promotion and development of mulberry, eri and muga varieties of silk in these States. This Action Plan is to cover all the 7 States of the region (viz. Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh). The project envisages raising of 7000 acres of mulberry plantation, setting up of TSCs, REC, Project Offices & P2 Farm-cum-Grainage and Silkworm Seed Production Centres for eri and muga at a total cost of Rs. 426.10 lakhs and the implementation of the scheme was for a period from 1994-95 to 1997-98.

(c) Government has constituted a Sub-Group on Sericulture under the main Working Group on Textiles to recommend various steps to increase the production of silk. Based on the recommendations a number of catalytic

development programmes are being taken up during the IXth Plan period for development of sericulture. No separate State-wise allocations are made. The expenditure would be dependent on the proposals received from the State Government by the CSB. For the current financial year a provision of Rs. 10.26 crores has been kept for these schemes.

(d) and (e) A Regional Development Office of Central Silk Board is already functioning in Guwahati.

(f) These are set up at the discretion of the State Governments and the exact number of Committees is not known.

Statement

State-wise breakup of expenditure for the VIIIth Plan period

Sl.No.	State	Expenditure (Rs.in crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22.77
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.93
3.	Assam	21.32
4.	Bihar	24.56
5.	Delhi	4.31
6.	Gujarat	1.79
7.	Haryana	1.21
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.58
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	15.62
10.	Karnataka	136.59
11.	Kerala	5.60
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10.60
13.	Maharashtra	8.90
14.	Manipur	2.80
15.	Meghalaya	2.60
16.	Mizoram	0.20
17.	Nagaland	0.41
18.	Orissa	12.20
19.	Punjab	0.24
20.	Rajasthan	3.43
21.	Sikkim	4.25
22.	Tamil Nadu	24.75
23.	Tripura	0.28
24.	Uttar Pradesh	16.34
25.	West Bengal	45.52
26.	General Investment	31.26
Total		397.06

[English]

Foreign Investment Institutions

2758. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SEBI has issued permission to three FII (Foreign Investment Institutions) to invest 20.30 crore Dollars (U.S) in India through credit medium;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) through a Press Release dated 9.11.96 published Guidelines permitting Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), who register themselves with SEBI separately as 100% Debt Funds, to invest in Indian securities markets to the extent of 100% in listed or to be listed corporate debt securities and dated Government securities. Details of approvals granted by SEBI to FII Debt Funds through 100% Debt route during 1996-97 and 1997-98 (upto 9th May 1997) are as follows:

No. of FII Debt Funds approved	Investment limit approved US \$ Million
9	1178.0
3	490.0

(c) and (d) FII investments in debt securities through the 100% debt route are subject to ceiling and are monitored and operated within the yearly overall cap determined for External Commercial Borrowings.

SBI Regional Office at Maharashtra

2759. SHRI ANANT GUDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to establish regional office of State Bank of India at Amravati-Divisional Headquarter in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and assessment report was called for;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the action taken and reasons for delay in implementation of the report;

(c) whether in terms of central location and other positive and supporting factors the Government would provide for establishment of Regional Office of State Bank and other nationalised banks at Amravati to render effective and customer friendly services in 4 districts of Amravati division; and

(d) the present status of fresh action plan under